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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SIGNATURE BANK,

Plaintiff,

: Civ. Action No. 08 Civ. 3893

- against -

AHAVA FOOD CORP. d/b/a NORTH COUNTRY CHEESE CORP., LEWIS COUNTY DAIRY CORP., : ST. LAWRENCE FOOD CORP. d/b/a PRIMO FOODS, YONI REALTY, LLC, SCHWARTZ AND SONS QUALITY DISTRIBUTORS, INC., MOISE BANAYAN, ANA BANAYAN a/k/a CHANA BANAYAN, REBECCA BANAYAN a/k/a REBECCA BARIMYAN a/k/a REBECCA BANAYAN-LIEBERMAN, FARIBORZ BANAYAN: a/k/a AARON BANAYAN, RUBEN BEITYAKOV, ARI KATZ, AHAVA OF CALIFORNIA, LLC d/b/a AHAVA NATIONAL FOOD DISTRIBUTOR and NORTH COUNTRY MANUFACTURING, and JOHN DOES 1 through 50,

DECLARATION OF MARA B. LEVIN

Defendants.

MARA B. LEVIN hereby declares the following under penalty of perjury:

I am a member of the law firm Herrick, Feinstein LLP, attorneys for 1. plaintiff Signature Bank ("Signature" or "the Bank"). I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein based upon my review of documents and conversations with representatives of Signature, unless stated upon information and belief. I submit this declaration in opposition to the motion to abstain brought by defendant Ahava of California, LLC ("AOC").

- Specifically, I write to place before the Court certain documents relevant 2. to Signature's opposition to the abstention motion.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the judgment in the action 3. entitled Signature Bank v. Ahava Food Corp., et al., New York County Supreme Court Index No. 604356/07, entered March 14, 2008.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a copy of the Complaint filed by AOC in 4. the Superior Court of California on March 17, 2008
- Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a copy of an email from Moise Banayan to 5. Signature dated February 3, 2008.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 is a copy of an email from Moise and 6. Fariborz Banayan's mother to Signature dated March 8, 2008.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit 5 is the Declaration of Robert Bloch dated May 7. 8, 2008.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit 6 is the Affidavit of David Antonucci dated 8. April, 2008.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit 7 is a Dun & Bradstreet Report for AOC dated 9. April 22, 2008.
- Signature respectfully submits that on the basis of the evidence referenced 10. above, and on all the other papers and pleadings submitted with this motion, the Court should deny AOC's motion for abstention.

Executed: New York, New York

June 2, 2008

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

SIGNATURE BANK,

Index No. 604356/07

Plaintiff,

-against-

JUDGMENT

AHAVA FOOD CORP., LEWIS COUNTY DAIRY: CORP., ST. LAWRENCE FOOD CORP., YONI : REALTY, LLC, MOISE BANAYAN, ANA : BANAYAN AND SCHWARTZ AND SONS, : INC. :

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2007, Plaintiff Signature Bank filed a motion pursuant to CPLR § 3213 requesting that this Court: (1) enter summary judgment in lieu of complaint in favor of Signature Bank and against Defendants Ahava Food Corp., Lewis County Dairy Corp., St. Lawrence Food Corp., Yoni Realty, LLC, Moise Banayan, Ana Banayan and Schwartz and Sons, Inc. on the ground that this action is based upon an instrument for the payment of money only, which is now due and payable, and entering judgment in such sum pursuant to CPLR 5012 and 5016; and (2) grant any such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2008, the Court issued an Order granting Signature Bank's motion for summary judgment in lieu of complaint against the Defendants;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2008, the Court directed to enter judgment: (1) in favor of plaintiff and against defendants Ahava Food Corp., Lewis County Dairy Corp., St. Lawrence Food Corp., Yoni Realty, LLC, Moise Banayan and Schwartz and Sons, Inc. in the amount of

\$9,338,103.90, and (2) in favor of plaintiff and against defendant Ana Banayan in the amount of \$1,781,621.53, together with interest from the date of entry of judgment at the statutory rate, together with costs and disbursements to be taxed by the Clerk upon submission of an appropriate bill of costs;

IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED that Plaintiff Signature Bank, with a principal place of business at 565 Fifth Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, New York 10017, recovers, jointly and severally, from Defendant Ahava Food Corp., with a principal place of business at 110 Beard Street, Brooklyn, New York 11231, Defendant Lewis County Dairy Corp., with a principal place of business at 7705 State Route 812, Lowville, New York, 13367, Defendant St. Lawrence Food Corp., with a principal place of business at 30 Main Street, Ogdenburg, New York 13669, Defendant Yoni Realty, LLC, with a principal place of business at 110 Beard Street, Brooklyn, New York 11231, Defendant Moise Banayan, who resides at 51 Parker Boulevard, Monsey, New York 10952, Defendant Schwartz and Sons, Inc., with a principal place of business at 110 Beard Street, Brooklyn, New York 11231 and Ana Banayan, who resides at 51 Parker Boulevard, Monsey, New York 10952, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$1,781,621.53, plus costs and disbursements in the amount of \$429.14 for a total sum of \$1,782,050.67, and Plaintiff shall have execution therefor;



IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED that Plaintiff Signature Bank, recovers, jointly and severally, from Defendants Ahava Food Corp., Lewis County Dairy Corp., St. Lawrence Food Corp., Yoni Realty, LLC, Moise Banayan, and Schwartz and Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$7,556,482.37, plus costs and disbursements in the amount of \$429.14 for a total sum of \$7,556,911.51, and that Plaintiff Signature Bank have execution therefore.

Judgment signed and entered this 4 date of March, 2008

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EXHIBIT 2

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

(AVISO AL DEMANDADO): Signature Bank; PRF, Inc; Munchies; John Nohein; Alain Cohen; Got Kosher; Aaron Hutman; Janice Hutman; Aaron's Glatt Markett; Berri Good, Inc.; and Does 1 through 1000, inclusive. POR COURT USE ONLY

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YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

Ahava of California, LLC

John A. Clarke Executive Officer/Clerk BY MARY GARCIA, Deputy

You have 36 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, sek the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an

attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lewhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfs.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demendante. Una carta o una liamada telefónica no lo protegan. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar un formato legal correcto si deses que procesen su caso en la curta. Es posible que haye un formulario que ustad pueda usar para su respuesia. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.co.gowiselfinipiespanoi), en la bibliotece de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no

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8	AHAVA OF CALIFORNIA, LLC,)	CASE NO. BC387480
9	Plaintiff,	COMPLAINT FOR:
10)	1. INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE
11	V.)	WITH CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP
12	SIGNATURE BANK; PRF, INC;) MUNCHIES; JOHN NOHEIN; ALAIN)	2. NEGLIGENT INTERFERENCE
13	COHEN; GOT KOSHER; AARON HUTMAN;) JANICE HUTMAN; AARON'S GLATT)	WITH CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP
14	MARKET; BERRI GOOD, INC; and) Does 1 through 1000, inclusive.)	3. INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE WITH PROSPECTIVE ADVANTAGE
15) Defendants.)	4. WILLFUL MISCONDUCT 5. B & P 17200, <u>et. seq.</u>
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Plaintiff Ahava of California, LLC ("Plaintiff") alleges:

- 1. Plaintiff is and at all relevant times was a limited liability company formed in California and doing business in Los Angeles, California, Plaintiff is a distributor of kosher food products.
- 2. The true names and capacities of defendants sued herein as Does 1 through 1000, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff who therefore sues them under such fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave of Court to amend this Complaint to set forth their true names and capacities when their true names and capacities are ascertained. Plaintiff alleges that each fictitiously named defendant acted or failed to act in such a manner that each has contributed in proximately causing the damages as herein alleged.
- 3. Defendant Signature Bank ("Bank") is and at all relevant times was a financial institution organized and existing under the laws of New York. Bank conducts business in Los Angeles, California.
- 4. Defendant PRF, Inc. ("PRF") is and at all relevant times was a corporation formed in California and doing business in Los Angeles, California. Upon information and belief, PRF is and at all times was doing business as "Munchies.
- 5. In the alternative, defendant Munchies is and at all relevant times was a business of unknown origin doing business in Los Angeles, California.
- Defendants John Nohein ("JN") Alain Cohen ("AC") are and at all relevant times were individuals doing business and residing in Los Angeles, California. Upon information and belief, JN and AC were doing business as "Got Kosher".

- 7. In the alternative, defendant Got Kosher ("GK") is and at all relevant times was a business of unknown origin doing business in Los Angeles, California.
- 8. Defendant Aaron Hutman ("AH") is and at all relevant times was individual doing business and residing in Los San Diego,
 California. Upon information and belief, AH was doing business as "Aaron's Glatt Market".
- 9. Defendant Janice Hutman ("JH") is and at all relevant times was individual doing business and residing in Los San Diego,
 California. Upon information and belief, JH was doing business as
 "Aaron's Glatt Market".
- 10. In the alternative, defendant Aaron's Glatt Market
 ("Market") is and at all relevant times was a business of unknown
 origin doing business in San Diego, California.
- 11. Defendant Berri Good, Inc. ("Berri") is and at all relevant times was a California corporation doing business in Los Angeles, California.
- 12. At all relevant times, Plaintiff has had business relationships with PRF, Munchies, JN, AC, GK, AH, JH, Market, Berri, and Does 1-500 (collectively "Customers"). Many of Customers are based in California. Many of Customers are Plaintiff's customers who purchase Plaintiff's goods.
- 13. Plaintiff has never had any relationship of any sort with Bank.
- 14. Plaintiff is not an alter ego, a subsidiary, and/or an affiliate with any of the following non-parties: Ahava Food Corp., Lewis County Dairy Corp., St. Lawrence Food Corp., Schwartz and

a. stated to the Bank that the Demand was false;

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- 27. Bank has refused Plaintiff's demand that Bank retract the Demand.
- 28. At all relevant times, Bank knew that the Demand would interfere with Plaintiff's existing contractual relationship with Customers.
- 29. Despite this knowledge, which is continuing, Bank made the Demand, and refuses to withdraw it.
- 30. Bank's conduct has damaged the contractual relationship between Plaintiff and Customers.
- 31. As a proximate result of Bank's wrongful conduct, Plaintiff has been damaged in a sum according to proof at time of trial, but in no event less than \$10,000,000.00.
- 32. In doing the acts herein alleged, Bank acted with oppression, fraud, and malice. Bank's conduct shocks the conscience. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages in an amount subject to proof from Bank.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Negligent Interference with Contractual Relationship Against Bank)

- 33. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22, and 25 through 31, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 34. At all relevant times, Bank knew that its statements contained in paragraph 15(b-e) were false.
- 35. In or about December, 2007, Bank made the Demand to some or all of Customers.
 - 36. As a result of the Demand,

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(Intentional Interference with Prospective Contractual Advantage

- 42. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 32, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 43. At all relevant times, Bank knew that its statements contained in paragraph 15(b-e) were false.
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FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Willful Misconduct Against Bank)

- 52. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 32 and 43-51, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 53. Bank's conduct constitutes willful misconduct against Plaintiff.
- 54. As a proximate result of Bank's wrongful conduct, Plaintiff has been damaged in a sum according to proof at time of trial, but in no event less than \$10,000,000.00.
- In doing the acts herein alleged, Bank acted with oppression, fraud, and malice. Bank's conduct shocks the conscience. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages in an amount subject to proof from Bank.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Violation of B & P Section 17200 Against Bank)

- 56. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 29, 34 through 40, inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 57. Bank's conduct constitutes deceptive business practices within the meaning of Business and Professions Code Section 17200, et. seq.
- 58. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 17203, an order should issue causing defendants to disgorge all monies received by Bank from Customers.
- 59. For each payment received by Bank, in violation of Business and Professions Code Section 17206.1, in addition to the

other remedies contained in this complaint, a civil penalty in the sum of \$2500.00 per violation should issue against Bank.

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SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Negligence Against Bank)

- 60. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 61. At all relevant times, Bank owed Plaintiff a duty of care to, among other things, not misrepresent Plaintiff's relationship with the Bank and the Unaffiliated Companies.
- 62. Bank breached its duty of care to Plaintiff by, among other things, making the Demand, not retracting it, and by taking possession of monies properly belonging to Plaintiff.
- 63. As a proximate result of Bank's wrongful conduct, plaintiff has been damaged in a sum according to proof at time of trial, but in no event less than \$10,000,000.00.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Declaratory Relief Against All Defendants)

- 64. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 29, 34 through 40, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 65. A judicial determination is necessary to ascertain the rights of the parties, including but not limited to the relationship between the Bank and Plaintiff, and the Demand.

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BIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

66. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22,

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(For Breach of Oral Contract Against Customers)

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67. During the last two years, Plaintiff on the hand, and Customers on the other, orally agreed that in consideration of

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Plaintiff upon receipt of the goods and an invoice.

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b. JN, AC, and GK: \$1100.20;

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c. AH, JH, and Market: \$1438.42; and,

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d. Berri: \$1500.00.

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69. Customers, including PRF, Munchies, JN, AC, GK, AH, JH, Market, and Berri refuse to pay Plaintiff the monies owing to

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Plaintiff based upon their receipt of the Demand.

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70. Customers are in breach of their oral agreements with

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TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Common Count: Account Stated Against Customers)

78. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.

79. Within the past three years, an account was stated in 1 writing by Plaintiff to the following customers in the following 2 respective amounts: 3 a. PRF and Munchies: \$1732.94; 4 b. JN, AC, and GK: \$1100.20; 5 c. AH, JH, and Market: \$1438.42; and, 6 d. Berri: \$1500.00. 7 80. Plaintiff has demanded payment from the Customers in the 8 amounts set forth in the preceding paragraph. Despite repeated 9 10 demands therefor, there remains due, owing and unpaid by Customers to Plaintiff in the amounts, respectively as set forth in the 11 preceding paragraph, together with interest thereon at the maximum 12 legal rate. 13 14 ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION 15 (Common Count: Open Book Account Against Customers) 16 17 81. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference. 18 82. Within the past three years, Plaintiff shipped goods to 19 Customers, who promised to pay for these goods upon receipt of an 20 invoice. 21 22 83. Within the past three years, Customers, as set forth below, have became indebted to Plaintiff for the balance of an open 23 book account for goods as follows: 24 a. PRF and Munchies: \$1732.94; 25 b. JN, AC, and GK: \$1100.20; 26 c. AH, JH, and Market: \$1438.42; and, 27

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84. Plaintiff has demanded payment from the Customers in the amounts set forth in the preceding paragraph. Despite repeated demands therefor, there remains due, owing and unpaid by Customers to Plaintiff in the amounts, respectively as set forth in the preceding paragraph, together with interest thereon at the maximum legal rate.

TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(For An Accounting Against All Defendants)

- 85. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 86. An accounting of the Defendants' books and records is necessary to ascertain the amount of Plaintiff's receivables which Bank has collected from Customers arising out of the Demand.

THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Conversion Against Bank)

- 87. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 22 inclusive, and incorporates them herein by this reference.
- 88. From in or about December 2007 to the present, Bank converted Plaintiff's monies to its own use which were paid by Bank from Customers as a result of the Demand.
- 89. As a proximate result of defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff has been damaged in a sum according to proof at time of trial.
- 90. In doing the acts herein alleged, Bank acted with oppression, fraud, and malice. Bank's conduct shocks the

conscience. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages in an amount subject to proof from Bank.

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(For Imposition of Resulting Trust Against Bank)

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FIFTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

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(For Imposition of Constructive Trust Against Bank)

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95. From in or about December, 2007 to the present, Bank has improperly received monies belonging to Plaintiff from Plaintiff's

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96. Bank should be declared by this Court to be an involuntary trustee of a constructive trust containing the monies which

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1	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:
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3	2. For disgorgement and statutory penalties under B & P 1720
4	et. seq.;
5	3. For punitive damages subject to proof;
6	4. For interest, including prejudgment interest at the legal
7	rate;
8	5. For imposition of a resulting trust;
9	6. For imposition of a constructive trust;
10	7. For an accounting;
11	8. For costs; and
12	9. For such other relief that may be just and proper.
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14	Dated: March / , 2008 ROBERT W. HIRSH & ASSOCIATES
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Headquarters • 565 Fifth Avenue New York New York 10017 • toll-free phone 866 sigline • www.signatureny.cor January 2, 2008

By Facsimile or Overnight Courier

Attn: Owner Or A/P Manager Pizza Maven

140 North Labrea Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90046

Re: Ahav

Ahava Food Corp.

St. Lawrence Food Corp. Lewis County Dairy Corp.

Schwartz & Sons Quality Distributions, Inc.

Yoni Realty LLC

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please be advised that pursuant to (1) a Security Agreement, dated as of August 22, 2005 by and among Ahava Food Corp ("Ahava"), St. Lawrence Food Corp. ("SLF"), Lewis County Dairy Corp. ("LCD") Yoni Realty LLC ("Yoni") and Signature Bank (the "Lender"); (2) a Continuing General Security Agreement, dated as of October 7, 2005 by and between LCD and the Lender; (3) a Continuing General Security Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2006, by and between LCD and the Lender; (4) a Continuing General Security Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2006, by and between Ahava and the Lender; (5) a Continuing General Security Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2006, by and between SLF and the Lender; and (6) a Security Agreement dated as of August 27, 2007 by and among Ahava, SLF, LCD, and Schwartz & Sons Quality Distributors, Inc. ("Schwartz"), Ahava, SLF, LCD, Yoni and Schwartz granted to Lender a Uniform Commercial Code security interest and assignment in all of their accounts receivable (past, present, and future).

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Please be advised that pursuant to Uniform Commercial Code Sections 9-406(a) and 9-607(a)(1), Lender is notifying you to immediately make payment to Lender of all amounts on any receivable due to any of the Debtors. All checks are to be made payable to Signature Bank. Accordingly, effective immediately, please forward all payments due on your accounts with any of the Debtors directly to us at the following address:

Signature Bank Account No. 1500957634 565 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10017 Attn: Robert A. Bloch

Please be advised that under the law, if you withhold payment or make payment to anyone other than Lender at the address set forth above, you will nonetheless remain liable to Lender for such amounts.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing instructions, please contact the undersigned at (646) 822 - 1827. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

SIGNATURE BANK

Name: Robert A. Bloch

Title: Senior Vice President

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December 24, 2007

By Facsimile or Overnight Courier

Pico Cafe 8944 West Pico Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90035

Re:

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St. Lawrence Food Corp. Lewis County Dairy Corp.

Schwartz & Sons Quality Distributions, Inc.

Yoni Realty LLC

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- If this case is complex under rule 1800 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND STATEMENT OF LOCATION (CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION) This form is required pursuant to LASC Local Rule 2.0 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court litem I. Check the types of hearing and fill in the estimated length of hearing expected for this case: LIRYTRIAL? X YES CLASS ACTION? YES LIMITED CASE? YES TIME ESTIMATED FOR TRIAL. 7 HOURS! Item II. Select the correct district and courthouse location (4 steps — If you checked "Limited Case", skip to Item III. Step 1: After first completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet Form, find the main civil case cover sheet heading for you the left margin below, and, to the right in Column A, the Civil Case Cover Sheet case type you selected. Step 2: Check one Superior Court type of action in Column B below which best describes the nature of this case. Step 3: In Column C, circle the reason for the court location choice that applies to the type of action you have che For any exception to the court location, see Los Angeles Superior Court Local Rule 2.0. Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location (See Column C below) 1. Class Actions must be filed in the Courtly Courthouse, Central District. 2. May be filed in Central (Other county, or no Bodily Injury/Property Dermage). 3. Location where cause of action arose. 4. Location where cause of action arose. 5. Location where or more of the partise reades. 5. Location where or more of the partise reades. 6. Location where or more of the partise reades. 7. Location where or more of the partise reades. 8. Location where or more of the partise reades. 8. Location where or more of the partise reades. 9. Location where or more of the partise reades. 10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office.	sноятти.e: Aha	va of California,	LLC	CASE NUMBER B C 3	87480
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	Professional Negligence (25)	A6017 Legal Malpractice A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1., 2., 3. 1., 2., 3.	
	Other (35)	A8025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage fort	2., 3.	
Employment	Wrongful Termination (36)	A8037 Wrongful Termination	1., 2., 3.	
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Contract	Collections (09)	A8002 Collections Case-Saller PlaIntiff A8012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case	2., 5., 6. 2., 5.	
ŭ	Insurance Coverage (18)	A8015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1., 2., 5., 8.	
Real Property	Other Contract (37)	A8009 Contractual Fraud A8031 Tortious Interference A8027 Other Contract Dispute(not breech/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 6.	
	Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of percels	2	
	Wrongful Eviction (33)	A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2, 6.	
	Other Real Property (26)	A8018 Mortgage Foreclosure A8032 Cluint Title A8080 Other Rent Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenent, foreclosure)	2, 6. 2 ,5. 2, 6.	
	Unlawful Detainer - Commercial (31)	A8021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful exiction)	2, 6.	
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		A8112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	······	2, 8., 9.
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		A8030 Declaratory Relief Only		1., 2., 8.
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CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND STATEMENT OF LOCATION

(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)
Robert W. Hirsh

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

1. Original Complaint or Petition.

Dated: March

- 2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
- Civil Case Cover Sheet form CM-010.
- 4. Complete Addendum to Civil Case Cover Sheet form LACIV 109 (Rev 01/07), LASC Approved 03-04.
- 5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless fees have been waived.
- 8. Signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, JC form FL-935, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age, or if required by Court.
- Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT - UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE

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THIS FORM IS TO BE SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Your case is assigned for all purposes to the judicial officer indicated below. There is additional information on the reverse side of this form

ASSIGNED JUDGE	DEPT	ROOM	ASSIGNED JUDGE	DEPT	ROOM	1
Hon. Gregory Alarcon	36	410	Hon. William F. Highberger	32	406	
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Hon. Helen I. Bendix	18	308	Hon. Jane L. Johnson	56	514	1
Hon. Elihu M. Berle	42	416	Hon. Ann I. Jones	40	414	1
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Hon. Robert L. Hess	24	314	Hon. Mary Thornton-House	17	309	
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Given to the Plaintiff/Cross-Complainant/Attorney of Record on ______ JOHN A. CLARKE, Executive Officer/Clerk

__, Deputy Clerk



from the Los Angeles Superior Court ADR DEPARTMENT

If you have a general jurisdiction case involving one of these 6 subject matter areas:

- commercial
- employment
- medical malpractice
- real estate
- trade secrets
- unfair competition

Your case may be eligible for the court's pilot Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE) program.

- ENE can reduce litigation time and costs and promote settlement.
- ◆ ENE is an informal process that offers a non-binding evaluation by an experienced neutral lawyer with expertise in the subject matter of the case. After counsel present their claims and defenses, the neutral evaluates the case based on the law and the evidence.
- ENE is voluntary and confidential.
- ◆ The benefits of ENE include helping to clarify, narrow or eliminate issues, identify areas of agreement, offer case-planning suggestions and, if requested by the parties, assist in settlement.
- → The first three (3) hours of the ENE session are free of charge.

See back for a list of participating pilot courthouses and departments.

For additional ENE information, visit the Court's web site at www.lasuperiorcourt.org/adr

LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) PROGRAMS

[CRC 3.221 Information about Alternative Dispute Resolution]

The plaintiff shall serve a copy of the ADR information package on each defendant along with the complaint.

ADR PROGRAMS

"Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)" is the term used to describe all the other options available for settling a dispute which once had to be settled in court. ADR processes such as arbitration, mediation, early neutral evaluation (ENE), and settlement conferences, are less formal than court and provide opportunities for litigants to reach an agreement using a problem-solving approach rather than the more adversarial approach of litigation.

MEDIATION

A neutral third party called a "mediator" helps participants in the dispute create their own resolution. The mediator helps facilitate a discussion in which the parties reach a mutually agreed upon settlement. Therefore, mediation allows for more creative resolutions to disputes than other ADR processes.

The Court Mediation Program is governed by Code of Civil Procedure sections 1775-1775.15, California Rules of Court, Rules 3.850-3.868 and 3.870-3.878; Evidence Code sections 1115-1128, and Los Angeles Superior Court Rules, Chapter 12.

ARBITRATION

A neutral third party called an "arbitrator" listens to each side in the dispute present its case. The arbitrator, who is an attorney, issues a decision based on the evidence. Although evidence is presented, arbitration is a less formal process than litigation. The decision is non-binding unless the parties agree in writing to binding arbitration.

The Court Arbitration Program is governed by Code of Civil Procedure sections 1141.10-1141.31, California Rules of Court, Rules 3.810-3.830, and Los Angeles Superior Court Rules, Chapter 12.

ENE

A neutral third party called an "evaluator" will provide the parties and their counsel, on a voluntary basis and in a confidential session, the opportunity to make summary presentations of their claims and defenses, including key evidence. After hearing the presentations, the evaluator, who is an experienced lawyer with subject-matter expertise, offers a non-binding evaluation.

The evaluator will also help clarify, narrow or eliminate issues, identify areas of agreement, offer caseplanning suggestions, and, if requested by parties, settlement assistance. Although settlement is not the primary goal of ENE, the ENE process can reduce litigation time and costs and promote settlement.

The Court ENE Program is governed by Los Angeles Superior Court Rules, Chapter 12.

SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

A neutral third party called a "settlement officer," who is also a retired judge, assists the parties in negotiating their own settlement and may evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the case.

JURISDICTIONAL LIMITATIONS

MEDIATION, ARBITRATION

Any case in which the amount in dispute is between \$25,000-\$50,000 per plaintiff, and was not previously referred to the Court ADR Program, can be sent to the Court ADR Program for mediation, arbitration, or ENE by stipulation, election by plaintiff or order of the court.

ENE

Parties may voluntarily request or initiate a mediation or arbitration proceeding, regardless of the amount in dispute.

SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

Any case, regardless of the amount in dispute, may be ordered to a settlement conference. There is no monetary limit.

REFERRAL INFORMATION

After the Court determines the suitability of a case for ADR, the Court directs the parties to the ADR Department to initiale the ADR process. Once the parties have completed the ADR intake forms, a Neutral may be selected.

NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ATTORNEY	OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY:	STATE BAR NUMBER	Re	served for Clerk's File Stamp
ATTORNEY FOR (Name):				•
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIF	ORNIA, COUNTY (OF LOS ANGE	LES	
COURTHOUSE ADDRESS:				
PLAINTIFF:				
DEFENDANT:				
STIPULATION	TO PARTICIPATE I	N	CASE NUME	ER:
ALTERNATIVE DIS	PUTE RESOLUTION	(ADR)		
The undersigned parties stipulate to par	rticipate in an Alternative	Dispute Resolution	n (ADR) process	in the above-entitled
action, as follows:				
Mediation				
☐ Non-Binding Arbitration				
☐ Binding Arbitration				
Early Neutral Evaluation				
☐ Settlement Conference				
Other ADR Process (describe):				
Dated:				
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EXHIBIT 3

Bloch, Robert

From:

Ahavafood@aol.com

Sent:

Sunday, February 03, 2008 7:37 PM

To:

Bloch, Robert

Subject:

(no subject)

Attachments: pFax_03Feb2008_10-19-24.pdf

Rob,

As per our previous conversation on the subject of AEG, the judgement is against Ahava Food Corp., Ahava Dairy, Myself as well as Lewis County Dairy. The original law suit was for \$8.8M with interest we are talking about \$13M.

The problem is that a judgment for \$13M would damage our asset and your collateral. AEG just like M&I will serve all of our customers demanding payments. As of now the customers are really mixed up, they got letters from you as well as M&I demanding payment. By next week they will be getting collection letters from AEG as well. It would also make it really difficult to refinance, as there would be a question as to who owns what. At the end of the day, nothing will be left to distribute.

Accordingly I have engaged attorneys to find a way out, and the good news is that I have struck a deal which would remove the threat.

Under the agreement that they worked out Lewis County dairy, Ahava Dairy as well as myself personally will get a judgment of \$3.5M. Ahava Food \$350,000 and cash pay out of \$250,000. They want that My family's company Ahava of California to guarantee the Cash.

I assume my family will end up paying the AFC debt as well.

My mother however does not want any further family fund used to benefit the bank as the bank has communicated to the customers that it has a secured position on AOC and is eyeing AOC as a source to recuperate it's potential loss. She is concerned that if things dont work out her current investment on Ahava of California will be jeopardized.

You know very well that Signature has no position what so ever on AOC. Never did.

Please draft a letter stating the fact that Signature does not have a security interest in AOC. Please make the letter as strong as possible to give full comfort to my family that the bank has no ill intention here. Without such a clear positioning of the bank's intent, I will have no way of satisfying AEG's demand and AEG will get their full judgment of \$13M on AFC.

I understand that there are issues. But I dont think it is possible to solve all our problems at one time. AEG and their trustees will look at a \$13M judgment large enough to pursue.

I will have a factor in place hopefully within 20 days. I have also made a private arrangement to

give 25% of AFC /SSQD to my family in lieu of them releasing their AR for the deal. With AEG judgment, we will be back at square one.

I do not know how much time I have, But I believe, this has to be done today.

Please advise as soon as possible. Attach find the proposal.

Thanks

Moise

Who's never won? Biggest Grammy Award surprises of all time on AOL Music.

EXHIBIT 4

Bloch, Robert

Ahavafood@aol.com From:

Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2008 9:26 PM

To: Bloch, Robert

Subject: Fwd: My mother's suggestion

From: Ahavafood

To: RBloch@signatureny

Sent: 3/8/2008 9:25:08 P.M. Eastern Standard Time

Subj: My mother&apos:s suggestion

Rob.

Here is a translation of my mothers letter to the bank, Let me know what you think and I will correspond back to her. She is 81 years old but still has very clear mind and is full of energy. Her solution is acceptable to my brother who is the owner of AOC. She is the key to make my brother do this. Under her suggestion, AOC will accept a debt of 2.1M on itself without Signature giving up any of it's rights. Obviously upon full payment, my debt is reduced accordingly. She wants to distant AOC from my companies as much as possible and than finance and sell all the entities. she is talking about AOC and not SSQD AR.

I am continuing with Working Capital solutions (Bob Blenderman) none the less, They are having a meeting this Tuesday. Thanks Moise

Dear Sir.

The current situation between us will eventually lead you to sue my company and in the end both you and I will lose regardless of the winner. Our already damaged account receivable will disappear and you will destroy any chance of either of us realizing the fruit of our investment.

I would like to suggest a solution that I believe will save the day, and I have Aaron's agreement to cooperate. He has agreed that it is cheaper to settle rather than fight.

It is my understanding that at the best scenario today AOC will get 80 to 85% financing on it's receivable which you are demanding full turn over to you. Accordingly the bank will get at best \$2.1M. This number obviously will deteriorate due to your actions restricting our ability to sell.

My suggestion is that Aaron agree to pay you this sum in a 3 years term loan balloon 9 month. The 9 month will give time to AOC to seek financing without involvement of Moshe's companies. In addition as you are aware, we are selling the company, but I believe this will take time and also the valuation will be higher if the company has an agreement in place

with you. The nine month is a realistic time to achieve both objectives.

AOC is a clean company and it is a mistake to connect it to the Moshe's companies as they all have massive lawsuits and judgments. Also, I do not think Moshe today with millions of dollars of judgment against him would be able to enter the financial world. Aaron has a good record, he has run his company very successfully during the last decade and will be able to deliver and eventually help his brother get back on his feet.

With the holiday of Passover approaching, time is of essence. and I prey that God will enlighten you to make the right decision in this matter. All the best to you and your family Mrs. Banayan.

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Mara B. Levin, Esq. David Feuerstein, Esq. John Oleske, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff Signature Bank Herrick, Feinstein LLP 2 Park Avenue New York, New York 10016 Tel: (212) 592-1400 Email: mlevin@herrick.com

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SIGNATURE BANK,

Plaintiff,

: 08 Civ. 3893 (NRB)

- against -

AHAVA FOOD CORP. d/b/a NORTH COUNTRY CHEESE CORP., LEWIS COUNTY DAIRY CORP., : ST. LAWRENCE FOOD CORP. d/b/a PRIMO FOODS, YONI REALTY, LLC, SCHWARTZ AND SONS QUALITY DISTRIBUTORS, INC., MOISE BANAYAN, ANA BANAYAN a/k/a CHANA BANAYAN, REBECCA BANAYAN a/k/a REBECCA BARIMYAN a/k/a REBECCA BANAYAN-LIEBERMAN, FARIBORZ BANAYAN: a/k/a AARON BANAYAN, RUBEN BEITYAKOV, : ARI KATZ, AHAVA OF CALIFORNIA, LLC d/b/a : AHAVA NATIONAL FOOD DISTRIBUTOR and NORTH COUNTRY MANUFACTURING, and JOHN DOES 1 through 50,

DECLARATION OF ROBERT BLOCH

Defendants.

ROBERT BLOCH, hereby declares the following under penalty of perjury:

I am a Senior Vice President of defendant Signature Bank ("Signature" or "the Bank") and, in that capacity, I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein unless stated upon information and belief. I submit this affidavit in support of Signature's motion for interim relief in the form of: (i) a continuation of the state court's Temporary Restraining Orders

and/or their conversion into Preliminary Injunctions; and (ii) a receivership over all of the corporate defendants.

- 2. Specifically, I write to provide the Court with additional facts that have developed since Signature last sought interim relief from the state court, and which facts further evidence the need for the requested orders.
- 3. On April 24, 2008, the state court entered a Temporary Restraining Order (the "Order") directing "the Judgment Debtors and/or any Ahava Entity" to provide Signature with "full and immediate" access to the collateral securing Signature's loan, and, in turn, its judgment against certain of the corporate defendants (the "Judgment Debtors"). This Order simply ratified, and commanded defendants' compliance with, Signature's unconditional right to inspect the collateral, as set forth in the Security Agreement with the Judgment Debtors. (See Exhibit E to the Amended Complaint.)
- 4. On the morning of Friday, April 25, 2008, I traveled to defendants' place of business at 96-110 Beard Street, Brooklyn, New York (the "Premises"), to conduct an inspection of the Judgment Debtors' collateral, in accordance with the Order and the Security Agreement. Accompanying me were Ted Gibbons, one of Signature's collateral-examination consultants, and Eric Beltram, one of Signature's information technology consultants.
- 5. Mr. Gibbons and I arrived at the Premises at 8:00 a.m., and rang the doorbell. Nobody answered the door although a recorded message played through the intercom stated that office hours on Friday are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 6. Getting no answer at the front door, we proceeded to the loading dock, which was already active with vehicular traffic. (Mr. Beltram met us at the loading dock.) There, we encountered a man who admitted to being employed by defendant Ahava National Food Distributor, but who would not give his name (the "Employee"). I told the Employee that

we were there to inspect the Judgment Debtors' collateral, pursuant to an Order of the Court, of which I showed him a copy.

- 7. The Employee stated that he was not authorized to grant us access to the Premises. I asked if I could speak to a manager, and the Employee responded that he would make a telephone call. He proceeded to walk away from us, make a call from his cell phone and returned shortly telling us that no one had picked up his call.
- 8. I then called defendant Moise Banayan on his cell phone to tell him where I was and that I wanted to get access to the Premises. Mr. Banayan told me that he was no longer employed by the business, did not own the business, and could not assist us in gaining entry to the Premises. He then told me that the books and records were located in his home.
- 9. We again asked the Employee if he would allow us access and he walked a distance away from us to make another phone call. When the Employee returned, he informed us that he had spoken to "Aaron" (presumably Aaron Banayan, the President of Ahava of California LLC d/b/a Ahava National Food Distributors), and that Aaron had said the office was "closed" and that we would not be granted access despite the Order and asked us to leave the Premises and return to the public street. We complied with this request. Shortly thereafter, all of the gates to the loading dock were closed, along with the gate to the parking lot.
- 10. Notably, despite the Employee's statement that the Premises were "closed", from the time we arrived until the gates were closed at around 9:45 a.m., I observed several trucks enter the loading dock to load product onto their trucks and about five different individuals scan ID cards at a reader located by the loading-dock entrance to the Premises and go inside. It appeared to me that some of these people were administrative personnel, and some were loading dock or warehouse personnel.

When I was first refused access to the Premises, I telephoned Thomas 11. Kasulka, a Senior Vice President of Signature with personal knowledge of Signature's proceedings to enforce the \$9.3 million judgment against the Judgment Debtors, and explained the situation. He advised me he would both call the Bank's legal counsel and would see if he could get the local precinct involved in assisting us to gain access. As a result of his efforts, around 1:30 p.m., a police car came to the Premises. I showed one of the police officers a copy of the Order and the other rang the front doorbell, which was not answered. The police then proceeded to walk around the Premises but no one came out of the building. They then informed me that the court order didn't permit them to gain forceful entry to the Premises and that they could only get involved if there was criminal conduct.

- During the time I was there, I observed approximately seven trucks pulling 12. in and out of the loading dock, an additional five or so vehicles entering and leaving the parking lot adjacent to the loading dock, and people entering the building. (Photographs of some of these trucks and other vehicles are attached as Exhibit A.) Indeed, even after the Employee closed the gates to the loading dock, I observed him reopen the gates to allow numerous trucks access to the loading docks.
- Signature respectfully submits that defendants' defiance of the Order 13. further evidences the need for a receiver over any entities claiming to be in possession or control of the assets pledged to Signature as collateral.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C §1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on May 7, 2008 New York, New York

Robert Bloch

NORTHERN DISTRIC		
In re:		Case No. 08-60954
MOISE BANAY	ZAN, Debtors,	Chapter 11 AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
MOISE BANAYAN,	PLAINITFF	ADV. PRO. NO.
v. SIGNATURE BANK.	PLAINITF .	
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DAVID P. ANTONUCCI, ESQ., being duly sworn, states as follows:

- 1. I am the Attorney for the Debtor in respect to the above captioned action.
- 2. I make this affidavit in support of the proposed order to show cause seeking certain relief pursuant to 11 USC 105 and other remedies. An adversarial action is being filed in conjunction herewith. The complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 3. This order to show cause seeks co-debtor prohibiting Signature Bank from acting against any of the Defendants in the attached complaint except Ahava of California, LLC and its related entities.
- 4. An action entitled <u>Signature Bank v. Ahava Food Corp.</u>, <u>Lewis County Dairy Corp. et. al.</u> in the Supreme Court, State of New York, County of New York Index No. 600959/2008. The complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

- 5. Signature is the primary secured lender of the debtor. An individual engaged in the production, development and distribution of Kosher dairy products throughout the United States; and with facilities throughout the State of New York.
- .6. As Exhibit "B" indicates, Signature possesses a substantial secured claim against the debtor's assets and those of his corporations as well as judgment in the approximate amount of \$10,000,000.00.
- 7. In addition, the Defendant has scheduled a sale of substantially all of the personal property of the corporate Defendants. See Exhibit "C".
- 8. The debtor is the sole shareholder of the corporate Defendants in the State Court action (collectively the "corporate Defendants"). The debtor does not control Ahava of California, LLC and Ahava National Food Distributors.
- 9. The corporations are the sole substantial asset of the debtor and from which he derives all income. The corporations are the sole assets with which the debtor may reorganize.
- 10. The assets of the defendant corporations, at liquidation value, have a value of approximately \$3,500,000.00 exclusive of interests the real property of Yoni realty, LLC.
- 11. In addition, countless competing security interests exist with respect to these assets. Ahava of California claims rights in the property as a lessee and various purchase money security interests exist in individual items of the collateral.
- 12. It is the clear, stated intention of Signature Bank to sell the corporate Defendants as going concerns. The same will effectively thwart the reorganization of the debtor.
- 13. The debtor is the sole officer, director and shareholder and has limited personal time and ability to contest these actions.

- The continuation of the action and sale of the assets will interfere and hopelessly 14. undermine the debtor's reorganization for a variety of reasons/
- First, the sale of the assets will trigger additional claims by numerous other 15. creditors including Valley Bank, CIT Corp. and others who hold security interests in the assets. Otherwise, these creditors may be adequately or at least largely secured. The debtor has secured all these claims.
- Notably, these competing creditors are not noticed in the action or, upon 16. information and belief, noticed of the sale.
 - The source of the debtor's income will probably cease to exist. 17.
- The debtor intends to file an adversarial action against the Defendant, in addition 18. to this action, for various lender liability claims that my offset the debt.
- The debtor is a single individual and defense of the action as well as addressing 19. multiple Chapter 11 filings may prove a difficult if not impossible task; as opposed to addressing all issues under the umbrella of this action.
- The filing of the corporations may cause a dramatic loss of goodwill with 20. customers, trade vendors and diminution of trade value. These assets should be preserved.
- The filing of a bankruptcy related to the trade names of the corporations will 21. interfere with the corporate value.
- The corporations, considering their good-will, should be protected. Signature has 22. no desire to liquidate the same, but, instead, preserve these entities for sale as a going concern. So does the debtor. A filing of a bankruptcy petition for the corporations will only thwart the same.

- 23. As such, the court should stay any action by Signature against the Corporate Defendant.
- 24. In the alternative, the stay should be granted for a period of ten days to allow the filing of Chapter 11 petitions for those corporations and consolidation of the action.
- 25. Negotiation only recently failed and this is an emergency filing. The debtor should be allowed to file for the corporations in order to preserve the asset for the good of all creditors.
- 26. Signature may seek adequate protection or relief pursuant to 11 USC 362. However, it is not prejudiced by the relief sought; especially as its intention is to preserve going concern value.

Wherefore, the deponent requests that the court issue an Order of Show Cause attached hereto and further relief as the court finds just and proper.

David P. Antonucci

Sworn to me this day of April, 2008.

Notary Public

JUDY McDONALD

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK

REG. NO. 01MC6108449

QUALIFIED IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

COMMISSION EXPIRES 4/19/ 2012

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EXHIBIT 7

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Comprehensive Report

Print this Report

ATTN: LexisNexis

Report Printed: APR 22 2008

Overview

BUSINESS SUMMARY

AHAVA OF CALIFORNIA, LLC 908 Rose Ave Venice, CA 90291

D&B D-U-N-S Number:

09-280-8075

This is a headquarters location. Branch(es) or division(s) exist.

Mailing address: PO Box 310648

Brooklyn, NY 11231

Telephone:

310 450-9669

Manager:

FARIBORZ BANAYAN, MBR

Year started:

2000

Employs:

155 (5 here)

Sales E:

\$18,000,000

History:

CLEAR 5143

SIC:

5149

514

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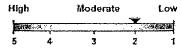
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groceries

Credit Score Class: 2

Moderate risk of severe payment delinquency over next

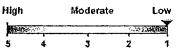
12 months



Financial Stress Class: 1

Low risk of severe financial stress over the next 12

months



12-Month D&B PAYDEX®: 79

When weighted by dollar amount, payments to suppliers average 2 days beyond terms.

average 2 days beyond terms.



D&B Rating:

107

Number of employees:

1R is 10 or more

employees.

Composite credit

appraisal:

3 is fair.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Financial Stress Class of 1 for this company shows that firms with this classification had a failure rate of

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1.2% (120 per 10,000), which is lower than the average of businesses in D&B's database

The Credit Score class of 2 for this company shows that 4.6% of firms with this classification paid one or more bills severely delinquent, which is lower than the average of businesses in D&B's database.

Predictive Scores	This Business	Comments
Financial Stress Class	1	Failure Rate lower than the average of businesses in D&B's database
Financial Stress Score	1480	Highest Risk: 1,001; Lowest Risk: 1,875
Credit Score Class	2	Probability of Severely Delinquent Payment is lower than the average of businesses in D&B's database.
Credit Score	524	Highest Risk: 101; Lowest Risk: 670
Other Key Indicators		
PAYDEX Scores	2 days beyond terms	Pays more promptly than the average for its industry of 3 days beyond terms
Industry Median	3 days beyond terms	
Present management control	8 years	
UCC Filings	UCC filing(s) are reported for this	business

No record of open Suit(s), Lien(s), or Judgment(s) in the D&B database

CREDIT CAPACITY SUMMARY

D&B Rating:

Public Filings

History

1R3

Is clear

Number of employees:

1R indicates 10 or more employees.

Composite credit appraisal: 3 is fair.

Payments

The 1R and 2R ratings categories reflect company size based on the total number of employees for the business. They are assigned to business files that do not contain a current financial statement. In 1R and 2R Ratings, the 2, 3, or 4 creditworthiness indicator is based on analysis by D&B of public filings, trade payments, business age and other important factors. 2 is the highest Composite Credit Appraisal a company not supplying D&B with current financial information can receive. For more information, see the D&B Rating Key.

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Sales:	\$18,000,000	Payment Activity:
# of Employees Total:	155 (5 here)	(based on 14 experiences)

Average High Credit: \$14,603 Highest Credit: \$45,000 Total Highest Credit: \$190,600

History & Operations

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Overview

FINANCIAL STRESS SUMMARY

The Financial Stress Summary Model predicts the likelihood of a firm ceasing business without paying all creditors in full, or reorganization or obtaining relief from creditors under state/federal law over the next 12 months. Scores were calculated using a statistically valid model derived from D&B's extensive data files.

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Financial Stress Class: 1

High Moderate Low

Low risk of severe financial stress, such as a bankruptcy, over the next 12 months.

Incidence of Financial Stress

Among Businesses with this Class:

1.20% (120 per 10,000)

Average of Businesses in D&B's Database: 2.60% (260 per 10,000)

Financial Stress National Percentile: 94 (Highest Risk: 1; Lowest Risk: 100)

Financial Stress Score: 1480 (Highest Risk: 1,001; Lowest Risk: 1,875)

The Financial Stress Score of this business is based on the following factors:

• 3% of trade dollars indicate slow payment(s) are present.

• Control age or date entered in D&B files indicates higher risk.

• Payment experiences exist for this firm which are greater than 60 days past due.

Notes:

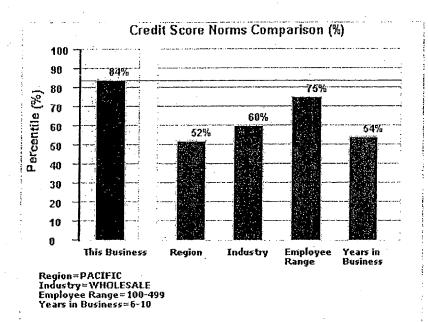
 The Financial Stress Class indicates that this firm shares some of the same business and financial characteristics of other companies with this classification. It does not mean the firm will necessarily experience financial stress.

The Incidence of Financial Stress shows the percentage of firms in a given Class that discontinued operations
with loss to creditors. The Average Incidence of Financial Stress is based on businesses in D&B's database
and is provided for comparative purposes.

 The Financial Stress National Percentile reflects the relative ranking of a company among all scorable companies in D&B's file.

• The Financial Stress Score offers a more precise measure of the level of risk than the Class and Percentile. It is especially helpful to customers using a scorecard approach to determining overall business performance.

• All Financial Stress Class, Percentile, Score and Incidence statistics are based on sample data from 2004.



Norms	National %
This Business	94
Region: PACIFIC	50
Industry: WHOLESALE	58
Employee Range: 100-499	99
Years in Business: 6-10	37

This business has a Financial Stress Percentile that shows:

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- · Lower risk than other companies in the same region.
- Lower risk than other companies in the same industry.
- Higher risk than other companies in the same employee size range.
- Lower risk than other companies with a comparable number of years in business.

CREDIT SCORE CLASS SUMMARY

The Credit Score Class predicts the likelihood of a firm paying in a severely delinquent manner (90+ Days Past Terms) over the next twelve months. It was calculated using statistically valid models and the most recent payment information in D&B's files.

Credit Score Class: 2

High Moderate Low
5 4 3 2 1

Moderate risk of severe payment delinquency over next 12 months.

Incidence of Delinquent Payment

Among Companies with this Class: 4.60% Average Compared to Businesses in D&B's Database: 20.10%

Credit Score Percentile: 84 (Highest Risk: 1; Lowest Risk: 100)

Credit Score: 524 (Highest Risk: 101; Lowest Risk: 670)

The Credit Score of this business is based on the following factors:

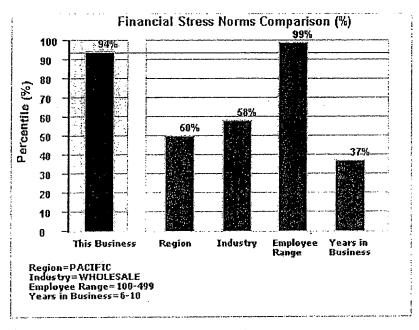
- No record of open lien(s), or judgment(s) in the D&B files.
- Business does not own facilities.

Notes:

- The Credit Score Class indicates that this firm shares some of the same business and payment characteristics of other companies with this classification. It does not mean the firm will necessarily experience delinquency.
- The Incidence of Delinquent Payment is the percentage of companies with this classification that were reported 90 days past due or more by creditors. The calculation of this value is based on an inquiry weighted sample.
- The Percentile ranks this firm relative to other businesses. For example, a firm in the 80th percentile has a
 lower risk of paying in a severely delinquent manner than 79% of all scorable companies in D&B's files.
- The Credit Score offers a more precise measure of the level of risk than the Class and Percentile. It is
 especially helpful to customers using a scorecard approach to determining overall business performance.
- All Credit Class, Percentile, Score and Incidence statistics are based on sample data from 2004.

Norms	National %
This Business	84
Region: PACIFIC	52
Industry: WHOLESALE	60
Employee Range: 100-499	75

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Years in Business: 54

This business has a Credit Score Percentile that shows:

- · Lower risk than other companies in the same region.
- · Lower risk than other companies in the same industry.
- Lower risk than other companies in the same employee size range.
- Lower risk than other companies with a comparable number of years in business.

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Payments Mixeusive

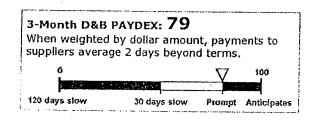
PAYMENT TRENDS

Total Payment Experiences in D&B's File:	14	Current PAYDEX is:	79 equal to 2 days beyond terms				
Payments Within Terms: (not dollar weighted)	82%	Industry Median is:	equal to 3 days beyond terms				
Total Placed For Collection:	0	Payment Trend currently is:	unchanged, compared to payments three				
Average Highest Credit:	\$14,603	t	months ago				
Largest High Credit:	\$45,000	Indications of slowness can be the result of dispute over merchandise, skipped invoices, etc. Accounts are sometimes placed for collection even though the existence or amount o the debt is disputed.					
Highest Now Owing:	\$15,000						
Highest Past Due:	\$1,000 [‡]						

PAYDEX Scores

Shows the D&B PAYDEX scores as calculated on the most recent 3 months and 12 months of payment experiences.

The D&B PAYDEX is a unique, dollar weighted indicator of payment performance based on up to payment experiences as reported to D&B by trade references. A detailed explanation of how to read and interpret PAYDEX scores can be found at the end of this report.



12-Month D&B PAYDEX: 79
When weighted by dollar amount, payments to suppliers average 2 days beyond terms.

0 100
120 days slow 30 days slow Prompt Anticipates

Based on payments collected over last 3 months.

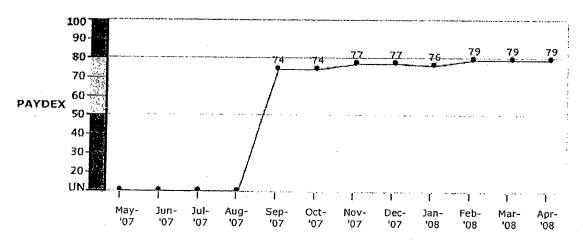
Based on payments collected over last 12 months.

PAYDEX Yearly Trend

12 Month PAYDEX Scores Comparison to Industry

	5/07	6/07	7/07	8/0	7 9	9/07	, 	0/07	. 1	1/0	7 1	2/07	1/08	2/08	3/08	4/08
This Business	UN		· UN											1	79	79
Industry Quart	iles												•	•		
Upper		80		į	į	80	ĺ		:		1	80	ł (!	80	1
Median		: 77	:			77	1				•	78	[:	78	
Lower		. 72		İ		72	1.,	·*/*******				73		:	72	j

Shows the trend in D&B PAYDEX scoring over the past 12 months.



Last 12 Months

Based on payments collected over the last 12 months.

- Current PAYDEX for this Business is 79, or equal to 2 days beyond terms
- The 12-month high is 79, or equal to 2 days beyond terms
- The 12-month low is unavailable

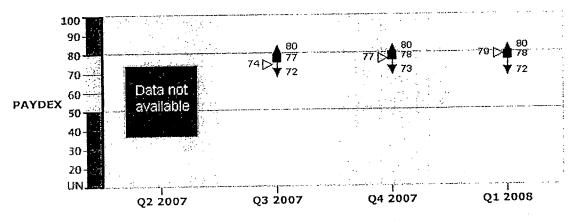
PAYDEX Comparison to Industry

Shows PAYDEX scores of this Business compared to the Primary Industry from each of the last four quarters. The Primary Industry is Whol dairy products, whol groceries, based on SIC code 5143.

Quarterly PAYDEX Scores Comparison to Industry

Previous Year				·
	6/06	9/06	12/06	3/07
This Business	UN	UN	UN	- UN
Industry Quartile	s			
Upper	80	80	80	80
Median	78	77	77	77
Lower	; 72	71	72	72

Current Year				···
	6/07	9/07	12/07	3/08
This Business	UN	74	77	79
Industry Quartil	es			
Upper	80	80	80	80
Median	77	1 77	78	78
Lower	72	72	73	72



Last 12 Months

Based on payments collected over the last 4 quarters.

Score Comparisor	Key: > This Business	▲ Industry upper quartile
		■ Industry median
		▼ Industry lower quartile

- Current PAYDEX for this Business is 79, or equal to 2 days beyond terms
- The present industry median score is 78, or equal to 3 days beyond terms.
- Industry upper quartile represents the performance of the payers in the 75th percentile
- Industry lower quartile represents the performance of the payers in the 25th percentile

Payment Habits

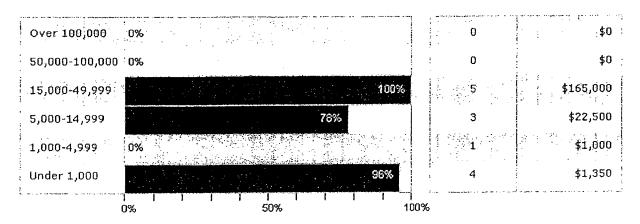
For all payment experiences within a given amount of credit extended, shows the percent that this Business paid within terms. Provides number of experiences used to calculate the percentage, and the total dollar value of the credit extended.

\$ Credit Extended

% of Payments Within Terms

Payment Experiences \$ Total Dollar Amount

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Based on payments collected over the last 12 months.

Payment experiences reflect how bills are met in relation to the terms granted. In some instances, payment beyond terms can be the result of disputes over merchandise, skipped invoices, etc.

PAYMENT SUMMARY

The Payment Summary section reflects payment information in D&B's file as of the date of this report.

There are 14 payment experiences in D&B's file for the most recent 12 months, with 13 experiences reported during the last three month period.

Below is an overview of the company's dollar-weighted payments, segmented by its suppliers' primary industries:

	Total Rcv'd (#)	Total Dollar Amts (\$)	Largest High Credit (\$)	Within Terms (%)	Days Slow <31 31-60 61-90 90> (%)				
Top industries:									
Radiotelephone commun	2	550	500	91	0	0	0	9	
Excavation contractor	1	45,000	45,000	100	0 }	o į	0	0	
Electrical contractor	1	40,000	40,000	100 :	0	0 ·	0	0	
Ret computer/software	1	35,000	35,000	100	0	0	0	0	
Short-trm busn credit	1	25,000	25,000	100	0	0 -	0	0	
Whol durable goods	1	20,000	20,000	100	0 !	0 :	0	0	
Truck rental/leasing	. 1	10,000	10,000	50	50	0 ·	0	0	
Lcl truck-w/o storage	1	7,500	7,500	100	0	0	0	0	
Mfg frozen specialty	. 1	5,000	5,000	100	0	0 ·	0	0	
Mfg soap/detergents	1	1,000	1,000	0	100	0	0	0	
Ret misc merchandise	: 1	750	750	100	0	0 ;	0	0	
Nonclassified	1	50	50	100	0	0	0	0	
Other payment categorie	s:						•		
Cash experiences	1	750	750			٠			
Payment record unknown	0	0	. 0						
Unfavorable comments	0	0	0						
Placed for collections:									
With D&B	0	0	0						
Other	0	N/A	, o						
Total in D&B's file	14		45,000						

The highest Now Owes on file is \$15,000 The highest Past Due on file is \$1,000

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Accounts are sometimes placed for collection even though the existence or amount of the debt is disputed. Indications of slowness can be result of dispute over merchandise, skipped invoices, etc.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Detailed payment history

Date Reported (mm/yy)	Paying Record	High Credit (\$)	Now Owes (\$)	Past Due (\$)	Selling Terms	Last Sale Within (months)
	Ppt	25,000	15,000	0		1 mo
	Ppt	5,000	0	0	N30	2-3 mos
	Ppt-Slow 30	10,000	2,500	100		1 mo
	Slow 30	1,000	1,000	1,000	N30	1 mo
	(005)	750	. 0	0 .		1 mo
Â	Cash own option	n.				
02/08	¹ Ppt	45,000	5,000	0 ;	N7	1 mo
	Ppt	40,000	0	0	N30	2-3 mos
	Ppt	35,000	2,500	0	N30	1 mo
	Ppt	20,000	15,000	0 -	N30	1 mo
	Ppt	7,500	7,500	0	N7	1 mo
	Ppt	750	0	0	N30	2-3 mos
01/08	Ppt	500	500	0	•	1 mo
	Slow 90+	50	50	50		1 mo
11/07	Ppt	50	50			2-3 mos

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Each experience shown is from a separate supplier. Updated trade experiences replace those previously reported.

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Public Filings

PUBLIC FILINGS

The following data includes both open and closed filings found in D&B's database on the subject company.

Record Type	# of Records	Most Recent Filing Date
Bankruptcy Proceedings	0	•
Judgments	. 0	-
Liens	. 0	- .
Suits	0	•
UCC's	2	04/10/2008

The following Public Filing data is for information purposes only and is not the official record. Certified copies can only be obtained from the official source.

UCC FILINGS

Collateral:

All Inventory - All Account(s) - All General intangibles(s) - All Equipment - All

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Chattel paper

Type:

Original

Sec. party:

Debtor:

BIBBY FINANCIAL SERVICES (MIDWEST), INC., DOWNERS GROVE, IL

AHAVA OF CALIFORNIA, LLC

Filing number:

087142084276

Filed with:

SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, SACRAMENTO, CA

Date filed:

01/02/2008

Latest Info Received:

01/10/2008

Type:

Termination

Sec. party: Debtor:

BIBBY FINANCIAL SERVICES (MIDWEST), INC., DOWNERS GROVE, IL

AHAVA OF CALIFORNIA, LLC

Filing number:

0871538030

Filed with:

SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, SACRAMENTO, CA

Date filed: Latest Info Received: 04/10/2008 04/15/2008 01/02/2008

Original UCC filed date: Original filing no.:

087142084276

The public record items contained in this report may have been paid, terminated, vacated or released prior to the date this report was printed.

GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY

Activity summary

Borrower (Dir/Guar): Administrative debt:

NO Contractor: NO Grantee: NO

Party excluded from federal program(s):

NO

NO

Possible candidate for socio-economic program consideration

Labor surplus area:

Small Business:

8(A) firm:

N/A YES (2008)

N/A

The details provided in the Government Activity section are as reported to Dun & Bradstreet by the federal government and other sources.

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HISTORY

The following information was reported 03/25/2008:

Management:

FARIBORZ BANAYAN, MBR

RUBEN BEITYAKOV, MBR

This is a Limited Liability Company formed in California March 8, 2000.

Business started 2000.

FARIBORZ BANAYAN born 1960. Work history unknown.

RUBEN BEITYAKOV. Work history unknown.

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BUSINESS REGISTRATION

CORPORATE AND BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS REPORTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR OTHER OFFICIAL SOURCE AS OF APR 11 2008:

This data is for informational purposes only, certification can only be obtained through the Sacramento Office of the California Secretary of State.

Registered Name:

AHAVA OF CALIFORNIA, LLC

Business type:

LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY

State of organization:

CALIFORNIA

Filing date:

MAR 08 2000 200007310022

Registration ID: Status:

ACTIVE

Where filed:

SECRETARY OF STATE/CORPORATIONS DIVISION, SACRAMENTO, CA

Registered agent:

FARIBORZ BANAYAN, 908 ROSE AVENUE, VENICE, CA, 902910000

OPERATIONS

03/25/2008

Description: Wholesales dairy products (except dried or canned). Wholesales groceries or related products,

specializing in juices.

Has 40 account(s). Terms are net 30 days and varies upon customer contract. Sells to retailers and

commercial concerns. Territory: Regional.

Employees: 155 which includes partners. 5 employed here.

Occupies premises in a building. Facilities:

This business has additional branches; detailed branch information is available in D&B's linkage or Branches:

family tree products.

SIC & NAICS

SIC:

Based on information in our file, D&B has assigned this company an extended 8-digit SIC. D&B's use of 8-digit SICs enables us to be more specific to a company's operations than if we use the standard 4-digit code.

The 4-digit SIC numbers link to the description on the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) Web site. Links open in a new browser window.

51430000

Dairy products, except dried or

canned

51490502 Juices

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NAICS:

Dairy Products (except Dried or 424430 Canned) Merchant Wholesalers

Other Grocery and Related Product

Merchant Wholesalers

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UPDATE

03/25/2008

On Mar 25 2008, Ruben Beityakov, Mbr submitted the following estimates dated Mar 25 2008.

KEY BUSINESS RATIOS

D&B has been unable to obtain sufficient financial information from this company to calculate business ratios. Our check of additional outside sources also found no information available on its financial performance. To help you in this instance, ratios for other firms in the same industry are provided below to support your analysis of this business.

Based on this number of establishments: 14

Industry Norms based on 14 establishments

•	This Business	Industry Median	Industry Quartile	1
Profitability				i
Return on Sales	UN	1.8	UN	,
Return on Net Worth	UN	13.7	UN	;
Short-Term Solvency				:
Current Ratio	UN	1.4	UN	:
Quick Ratio	UN	8.0	UN	
Efficiency				:
Assets Sales	UN	44.6	UN	
Sales / Net Working Capital	UN	18.5	UN	1
Utilization				
Total Liabs / Net Worth	UN	192.2	UN	İ

UN = Unavailable

FINANCE

03/01/2008

On February 26, 2008, Ruben Beityakov, Mbr, confirmed company name, address, principals and operational information using Dun & Bradstreet's Internet-based update method (eUpdate) at www.dnb.com.

As of February 28 2008 a search of Dun & Bradstreets Public Record database found no open suits, liens, judgements or UCCs to which AHAVA OF CALIFORNIA, LLC at 908 Rose Ave, Venice CA was named defendant or debtor. Public records received hereafter will be entered into the database and will be included in reports which contain a Public Filings section.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

If you need any additional information or have any questions, please call the D&B Online Customer Customer Service Center at 1-800-234-3867

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